

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-2, 4-6, 9-15, 19-20, 23-27, and 29-31 were reported in the Office Action as pending. Claims 1-2, 4-6, 9-15, 19-20, 23-27, and 29-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claims 14 and 15 are objected to. In response, claims 1-2, 4-6, 9, 12-15, 19, 23-25, 27, and 31 have been amended. Claims 3, 7, 8, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, and 28 are cancelled. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 9-15, 20, 23-27 and 29-31 remain.

Applicant requests reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments, which Applicant submits are fully responsive to the objections and claim rejections of record.

Accordingly, since no art or other rejections have been asserted, Applicant submits that the claims pending following entry of this amendment, namely Claims 1-2, 4-6, 9-15, 19-20, 23-27, and 29-31, are now in condition for allowance, which early action is requested.

If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

Respectfully submitted,

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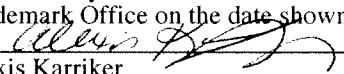
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